

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH—TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1895.

ON THE APPOMATTOX

TWO GANGS OF NEGROES HAVE A
LIVELY FREE FIGHT.

The Man Beaten Almost to Death—
Result of a Feud—Seriously Hurt
by a Fall—A Runaway Accident—
general Notes.

PETERSBURG, VA., July 22.—(Special)—A negro named Isaac Wright was almost beaten to death at a late hour on Saturday night during a fight near Butterfield's bridge, at the extreme southern part of the city. The condition of the injured man to-day is such that his chances for living are very small.

As a result of this night eleven or twelve negroes were lodged in jail to-day, some of them having been brought there unchained, and all of them charged with felonious assault. A negro named Armistead Tucker is supposed to have struck the probably fatal blow. It seems that between Wright and Tucker there has for some time existed trouble, which gradually became impartial to their respective friends, and partook of the nature of a feud. On Saturday night the two principal parties had some words at the New Market, and towards midnight, accompanied by their respective friends, they met and fought near Butterfield's bridge. The two parties numbered good-sized crews, and in the course of the fight it is said to have been a live affair, the participants being more or less injured. The only person left on the field however, was Isaac Wright, this morning Chief-of-Police Parkinson was notified of the arrest in Dinwiddie County of Tucker and four of his friends, charged with the dangerous assault, and the Chief and Sheriff Crichton were sent out and brought them to the gaol. Subsequently the same officers arrested six other negroes on the same charge. It is hard to get at the facts in the case, but these may be developed at the examination before the mayor.

PROBABLY FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. Morton Archer, a well-known young citizen of Fifth Ward, residing on Pine street, was found at an early hour Saturday morning beneath the Butterfield bridge over the river in a very dismally condition. His right leg was broken and seemed to be otherwise bruised and internally injured. This bridge is on the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. Archer thinks he must have been struck by the southbound Atlanta special, but it may have been that he fell from the bridge. Nothing definite is known in the matter save that Mr. Archer is very seriously hurt.

DEATH OF A VENERABLE LADY.

Mrs. A. E. Orr, the venerable relic of James Orr, died yesterday at her residence, on Marshall street, aged 78 years. She was born in this city on the 23d of January, 1817, and lived from birth until death in Petersburg. She leaves eight children—all of whom are grown and most of them married.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

The contract for painting and frescoing the ceiling of the new St. Joseph's Catholic church was to-day awarded to the Pittsburgh Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. They were the only Petersburgh bidders for the work, but the bid of the Pittsburgh firm was at least \$200 lower than that of any of the local bidders.

PAINFUL RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Dr. John R. Chappell, residing in the southern part of the city, is one of the older and best known physicians. Yesterday while he was driving down Halifax street his horse took fright and ran away, subsequently upsetting the bumper in which the Doctor was riding, throwing him out and very severely injuring him. Fortunately no bones were broken.

A NEGRO SWINDLER.

A negro, who gave his name as Joseph Cooper, was sent to jail for ninety days this morning on the charge of robbery. It seems that he was a disheartened agent to all who would follow his advice, to sign a declaration in favor of independence and unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 against retiring greenbacks, and against the issue of gold bonds. It is said that the circular is being signed in Montgomery county considerably. The movement has much opposition in Roanoke county.

BLACKSTONE NOTES.

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Rev. T. P. Eps, of Blackstone, and Rev. S. G. Hudson, pastor of Crewe Presbyterian church, exchanged pulpits Sunday.

GENERAL ELECTRIC.

Captain J. Crawley Jones, a popular conductor on the Virginia Beach railroad, has just recovered from his recent illness as to be able to return to his work.

Mrs. E. B. Morris, wife of the Baptist minister here, is critically ill.

Miss Mary Lou Tucker and Mr. Robert Tucker, of Danville, are visiting at Dr. L. C. Tucker's, as is also Miss Mary Bell Gregory, of Oxford, N. C.

Miss Hattie Echoin of Glasgow, is visiting Miss Sally Wilson Eps.

Several new houses and a large brick store are going up in our town. This is indicative of the steady growth of this prosperous place.

Sudden Death of a Child.

ELACKSBURG, VA., July 22.—(Special)—The little son of Mr. Allen L. Harries, a citizen of Christiansburg, was buried to-day. His death was one of the saddest events affecting that community that has occurred for a long time. The little fellow accidentally swallowed a few days ago a piece of peanut, which lodged in his wind-pipe. All efforts by his parents to dislodge it proving futile, the local physician was called in. He advised that the child be taken at once to a city, where an operation could be performed. Accordingly the father took him to the Hospital, and the surgeon, seeing that the poor little fellow was already dying, desisted from the operation. It was discovered that one lung was congested.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. T. S. Beckwith, of this city, has gone to Sewanee, Tenn., to attend the closing exercises of the University of the South, where one of his sons graduated.

Dr. W. G. Stare, pastor of the Washington-Street Methodist Episcopal church, will spend the month of August at his vacation.

John Watson, son of our townsman, Mr. Robert Watson, who recently graduated with honors at the University of Virginia, will become member of the bar of this city.

Catcher Brennan, of the Petersburg can, has been released.

FIRED BY LIGHTNING.

Table Burned and Horse Killed—
Floyd Crops.

FLOYD COURTHOUSE, VA., July 22.—(Special)—Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, while a gentle rain was falling, every one in town was startled by a vivid flash of lightning and loud peal of thunder, which came almost simultaneously, and which shocked several people severely. Everybody was certain that the lightning had struck close by.

In a moment smoke was seen issuing from the roof of the stable of Dr. J. W. Simmons, situated near the centre of the town. It was soon ascertained that the stable had not only struck the stable, but set it on fire, but had killed one of the horses in the stable. The loft of the stable being filled with hay, the fire spread rapidly and quickly consumed the building. The other horse was gotten out and was uninjured. The horse killed was a fine animal and was highly prized by Dr. Simmons.

The past week has been the hottest of the summer, the thermometer reaching 90 degrees in the shade. The season so far has been all that the farmers could wish, and all crops are looking remarkably well. The wheat crop has been sown, and the out harvest has just commenced, and a good deal of hay has been cut.

Rev. W. A. Goodpastor, the Methodist preacher who has been quite ill with typhoid-fever, is better, and if he gets no break will be up in a few weeks.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Exhibit for Atlanta—Tournament—
Fruit Train.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 22.—(Special)—Mr. Samuel B. Woods has been requested by the Southern Railway Company to prepare an exhibit for Albemarle County for the Atlanta exposition. Pictures of historic places, agricultural exhibits, agricultural products, fruits from the tree, fruits, canned or preserved; honey, etc., are desired; also; preserves and woods of various kinds.

The annual barbecue of the Confederates

veterans of Albemarle county took place last Saturday at "Sunshyne," the residence of Colonel R. T. W. Duke.

A tournament took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Mrs. Springer's hall at Jefferson Park Hotel, followed Captain M. J. Woods delivered the charge to the knights, and Mr. J. W. Fishburne made the coronation speech.

Dr. Dargan preached yesterday at the Presbyterian church in this city. Dr. Petrie, the pastor, preached in Louisburg at the Wills-Memorial church.

Through double melon and fruit trains pass here daily over the Southern railroad. Double engines are attached, and the trains are enormous, and come from Georgia.

INTERESTING RECORD.

A Rehe of John Sevier—The Whent Crop-Summer Visitors.

GATE CITY, VA., July 22.—(Special)—While ploughing in a field on the south side of this county, ten miles southwest of here, a few days since, a boy unearthed a rock which may be of considerable historic interest. It is a common stone, rock, less than an inch thick, and about ten inches in diameter. On one face is

"1711." J. Sevier
Killed in India.
Lost 7."

I can find no account in any of the histories of the early settlement in this vicinity of any such battle having been fought at the place. Yet, John Sevier, after leaving Tennessee's first Governor, was leading the two men a merry round about the country carved on the stone, and he may have been here and left the record.

State of thermometer:

A.M. 78
A.M. 84
12 M. 84
P.M. 96
P.M. 92
12 Midnight ... 83

Mean temperature 87.5-6

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, July 22.—The feature of the trading at the Stock Exchange to-day was the movement to cover short contracts. This was most pronounced in the cases of the Grand Trunk, and the stocks of the two railroads were sold off, and of this, Burlington and Quebec figured for 40,000 shares, each, as even in the memory of men still living. Large flattened bullets were so plentiful that many hunters supplied themselves with lead by going out after showers and picking them up from the bushes. The historic rock is in the possession of your correspondent.

THE WHEAT YIELD.

Wheat threshing has commenced here, and both the yield and the quality of the grain are agreeably surprising to the farmers—for exceeding all expectations.

Many sections of the county are seriously suffering from a long drought. Corn is not growing and pasture lands are very dry.

Quite a number of people from the cities are summering in the mountains of Scott. Our mountain water attracts health-seekers.

FREE-SILVER CONVENTION.

Congressman Otey Sends Out a Circular in the Interest of One.

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RICHMOND STOCK MARKET

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The Industrial and Commercial Bank, the Bank of America, the Bank of Virginia, the Bank of the Commonwealth, and the Bank of the City of Richmond, were all in demand, and recorded higher figures. Sugar selling as high as 13 1/4.

Speculation closed strong, the prominent leaders showing advances of 1 1/2 to 3 1/4 per cent.

Bonds were strong.

The sales to-day of listed stocks aggregated 167,655 shares, and of unlisted 31,900 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

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Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$188.3-40 for \$4,891.4 for 60 days, and \$489.3-434.99 for 90 days; posted rates, \$489.3-281.80 1/2; commercial bills, \$489.3-488.12.

Government bonds quiet. State bonds firm. Railroad bonds strong.

Treasury balances: Coin, \$101,533,000; currency, \$25,560,000.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing Bids.

American Cotton Oil 254

American Cotton Oil preferred 725

American Sugar Refineries, pref 1004

American Tobacco, preferred 1005

American Tobacco, preferred 111

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe 139

Baltimore and Ohio 625

Canada Pacific 545

Chicago and Alton 212

Chicago, Burlington and Quincy 885

Chicago Gas Trust 545

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western 1625

Distillers 214

Erie 10

Erie, preferred 237

General Electric 375

Great Northern 100

Home Insurance 100

Ind. and Michigan 100

Michigan Central 100

Mobile and Ohio 202

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis 68

United States Coal Co. 100

United States Cotton 1124

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